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Rhode Island Unemployment Rate Climbs to 5.7 Percent in June

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose 0.3 of a percentage point over the month to 5.7 percent in June. The jobless rate is the highest since January 1996. The number of unemployed Rhode Islanders climbed by 2,100 in June to 33,000. A year ago June, the unemployment rate was 4.8 percent and the jobless level stood at 26,600. The national unemployment rate, which was also up 0.3 of a percentage point in June, reached a nine-year high of 6.4 percent. On a positive note, Rhode Island's unemployment rate remained below the national average for the twenty-third consecutive month.

"The increase in June's unemployment rate is primarily the result of a surge in labor force participation as job seekers streamed into the labor market," said DLT Director Marvin D. Perry. "However, as the economy continues to mend slowly, the job market is unable to absorb the number of people looking for work."

Rhode Island Job Highlights

The number of jobs at Rhode Island businesses, based upon non-seasonally adjusted estimates, was 485,100 in June 2003, up (+600) from the 484,500 jobs reported last year. Employment gains in Health Care & Social Assistance (+2,200), Other Services (+1,900), Retail Trade (+800), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+700), and Construction (+600), overshadowed losses in Manufacturing (-2,700), Accommodation & Food Services (-1,600), and Government (-900).

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the number of jobs stood at 479,800 in June, down 1,100 from the May (revised) level, but higher (+800) than last year. Within the Private sector, monthly employment losses in Manufacturing (-500) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-200), coupled with other losses, more than offset gains in remaining industries, most notably Other Services (+500). Government employment was up 100 over the month. (Continued on Page 4)

Organizational Skills Make AMGEN Job Fair an Easy Pill to Swallow

AMGEN, the world's leading biotechnology company, held an extraordinarily successful Job Fair at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick on June 11, 2003. AMGEN officials and Department of Labor & Training (DLT) staff estimate that over 2,000 job seekers were ushered through the application process with another 1,000 that dropped off resumes at the event! Originally scheduled to run from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm, company officials extended the job fair until 9:00 pm as a courtesy to those who had waited so patiently.

Job fairs of this magnitude can often be tiresome for both job seekers and staff workers alike. Expecting about 500 people, AMGEN officials and nine members of DLT's Employer Service Unit (ESU) adapted quickly to the unanticipated crowd. Crowd organization and modifications to original procedural plans were implemented by the ESU, as has been their trademark in their 9-plus years of service to the employer community. As a testament to their compassion for weary applicants, AMGEN provided a continual source of beverages and snacks for all who passed through the main reception area. The job fair was necessitated by the demands placed upon the company's West Greenwich facility. The current production facility of approximately 200,000 square feet will be increased to nearly 1,000,000 square feet, and the work force will expand from 900 to an estimated goal of 1,400. (Continued on Page 4)

New Location & Contact Numbers for Providence netWORKri

The Providence netWORKri Career Center has moved to:
One Reservoir Avenue
Providence, RI 02907

New Contact Numbers:

| | |
|-------|----------------|
| Phone | (401) 462-8900 |
| Fax | (401) 462-8947 |
| TTY | (401) 462-8966 |

Rhode Island Labor Force Statistics*

(in thousands)

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Unadjusted | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| | Jun 03 | May 03 | Jun 02 | Jun 03 | May 03 | Jun 02 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 574.3 | 572.1 | 555.1 | 576.6 | 565.2 | 557.4 |
| Resident Employment | 541.3 | 541.1 | 528.5 | 545.1 | 536.2 | 532.3 |
| Unemployment | 33.0 | 30.9 | 26.6 | 31.4 | 28.9 | 25.1 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.7% | 5.4% | 4.8% | 5.5% | 5.1% | 4.5% |

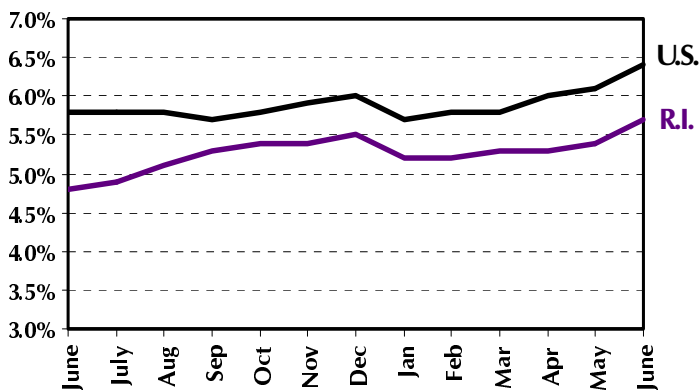
United States Labor Force Statistics

(in thousands)

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Unadjusted | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|
| | Jun 03 | May 03 | Jun 02 | Jun 03 | May 03 | Jun 02 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 147,096 | 146,485 | 144,852 | 148,117 | 146,067 | 145,940 |
| Resident Employment | 137,738 | 137,487 | 136,383 | 138,468 | 137,567 | 137,181 |
| Unemployment | 9,358 | 8,998 | 8,469 | 9,649 | 8,500 | 8,758 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.4% | 6.1% | 5.8% | 6.5% | 5.8% | 6.0% |

Rhode Island & United States Unemployment Rates

Seasonally Adjusted 2002 - 2003



City & Town

Unadjusted Unemployment Rates

| | Jun 03 | Jun 02** |
|------------------|--------|----------|
| Barrington | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Bristol | 4.4 | 3.4 |
| Burrillville | 5.3 | 4.4 |
| Central Falls | 9.1 | 8.3 |
| Charlestown | 4.2 | 4.7 |
| Coventry | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| Cranston | 5.8 | 4.5 |
| Cumberland | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| East Greenwich | 5.6 | 4.4 |
| East Providence | 5.5 | 4.7 |
| Exeter | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Foster | 4.9 | 3.3 |
| Glocester | 4.1 | 3.2 |
| Hopkinton | 4.2 | 2.0 |
| Jamestown | 3.5 | 2.9 |
| Johnston | 6.0 | 4.8 |
| Lincoln | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| Little Compton | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| Middletown | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| Narragansett | 2.7 | 2.0 |
| New Shoreham | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| Newport | 4.1 | 3.1 |
| North Kingstown | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| North Providence | 5.5 | 4.4 |
| North Smithfield | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Pawtucket | 6.8 | 5.7 |
| Portsmouth | 3.1 | 3.4 |
| Providence | 7.7 | 6.2 |
| Richmond | 2.1 | 2.7 |
| Scituate | 6.0 | 4.0 |
| Smithfield | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| South Kingstown | 3.7 | 3.2 |
| Tiverton | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| Warren | 4.6 | 3.7 |
| Warwick | 5.0 | 3.9 |
| West Greenwich | 5.7 | 4.7 |
| West Warwick | 6.5 | 4.7 |
| Westerly | 3.5 | 2.3 |
| Woonsocket | 7.1 | 5.9 |
| State of R.I. | 5.5 | 4.5 |

** Revised

Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity

| | Jun | May | Jun | % Change | | Year to Date | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------------|---------|----------|
| | 2003 | 2003 | 2002 | May 03 | Jun 02 | 2003 | 2002 | % Change |
| Initial Claims | 8,524 | 5,302 | 7,324 | 60.8% | 16.4% | 49,019 | 44,216 | 10.9% |
| Number of Payments | 55,040 | 48,542 | 46,832 | 13.4% | 17.5% | 391,644 | 386,218 | 1.4% |
| Amount of Payments (gross millions) | \$16.3 | \$14.6 | \$13.8 | 11.4% | 18.1% | \$118.2 | \$115.3 | 2.5% |
| Exhaustions (Final Payments) | 1,675 | 1,545 | 1,375 | 8.4% | 21.8% | 9,740 | 9,398 | 3.6% |

Rhode Island labor market information is available on the web at www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi. If you find that the LMI web site meets your need for labor market information and you would like to be removed from the mailing list for this publication, please call LMI at (401) 462-8740 or fax (401) 462-8766.

*Current month figures are preliminary; prior month and year are revised. Totals may not add due to rounding.
Labor Force statistics are compiled by Labor Market Information, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Labor.

Total Nonfarm Employment in Rhode Island*

June 2003

*Sectors reflect the recent conversion from the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).
Not all industries previously classified under a particular SIC are classified in a similarly titled NAICS sector.*

| | Employment in Thousands | | | Net Change From | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Jun 2003 | May 2003 | Jun 2002 | May 2003 | Jun 2002 |
| Total Nonfarm | 485.1 | 484.7 | 484.5 | 400 | 600 |
| Goods Producing | 81.6 | 81.0 | 83.7 | 600 | -2,100 |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Construction | 21.0 | 20.1 | 20.4 | 900 | 600 |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 13.2 | 12.6 | 13.2 | 600 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 60.4 | 60.7 | 63.1 | -300 | -2,700 |
| Durable Goods | 38.9 | 39.2 | 41.4 | -300 | -2,500 |
| Fabricated Metal Product Mfg. | 8.4 | 8.6 | 9.0 | -200 | -600 |
| Computer & Electronic Product Mfg. | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 100 | -200 |
| Electrical Equipment & Appliance Mfg. | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment Mfg. | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 100 | 100 |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing | 11.6 | 11.5 | 12.3 | 100 | -700 |
| Jewelry & Silverware | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 100 | -200 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 21.5 | 21.5 | 21.7 | 0 | -200 |
| Chemical Manufacturing | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 0 | 300 |
| Plastics & Rubber Products Mfg. | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Service Providing | 403.5 | 403.7 | 400.8 | -200 | 2,700 |
| Wholesale Trade | 17.0 | 17.1 | 16.7 | -100 | 300 |
| Retail Trade | 53.8 | 53.0 | 53.0 | 800 | 800 |
| Grocery Stores | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 0 | 100 |
| Health & Personal Care Stores | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 0 | 100 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 10.7 | 10.5 | 11.0 | 200 | -300 |
| Department Stores | 4.6 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 0 | -400 |
| Other General Merchandise Stores | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 100 | 200 |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 11.6 | 11.8 | 11.4 | -200 | 200 |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 10.4 | 10.6 | 10.1 | -200 | 300 |
| Information | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.3 | -100 | -100 |
| Publishing | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 | -100 | 0 |
| Financial Activities (including Real Estate) | 33.1 | 32.5 | 32.8 | 600 | 300 |
| Finance & Insurance | 27.2 | 26.9 | 26.5 | 300 | 700 |
| Credit Intermediation & Related Activities | 12.2 | 12.1 | 11.9 | 100 | 300 |
| Insurance Carriers & Related Activities | 11.1 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 200 | 200 |
| Professional & Technical Services | 18.5 | 18.4 | 19.3 | 100 | -800 |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 0 | 300 |
| Administrative & Waste Services | 23.5 | 22.9 | 24.3 | 600 | -800 |
| Educational Services | 15.5 | 20.3 | 15.3 | -4,800 | 200 |
| Colleges & Universities | 9.6 | 14.1 | 9.5 | -4,500 | 100 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 71.0 | 70.6 | 68.8 | 400 | 2,200 |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services | 20.9 | 20.7 | 20.0 | 200 | 900 |
| Hospitals | 22.3 | 22.3 | 21.9 | 0 | 400 |
| Nursing & Residential Care Facilities | 17.7 | 17.6 | 17.3 | 100 | 400 |
| Social Assistance | 10.1 | 10.0 | 9.6 | 100 | 500 |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 9.2 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 1,000 | 700 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 42.6 | 40.7 | 44.2 | 1,900 | -1,600 |
| Accommodation | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 300 | -200 |
| Food Services & Drinking Places | 38.0 | 36.4 | 39.4 | 1,600 | -1,400 |
| Other Services | 23.9 | 23.2 | 22.0 | 700 | 1,900 |
| Government | 65.8 | 66.9 | 66.7 | -1,100 | -900 |
| Federal Government | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 0 | 0 |
| State Government | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.4 | 0 | -400 |
| Local Government | 37.6 | 38.7 | 38.1 | -1,100 | -500 |
| Local Education | 24.2 | 25.6 | 24.9 | -1,400 | -700 |
| Local Non-Ed | 13.4 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 300 | 200 |

*Not seasonally adjusted.

For more detail see "Introducing NAICS" at www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/es202/naics/naics.htm.

Some subcategories are not additive.

Organizational Skills Make AMGEN Job Fair an Easy Pill to Swallow (Continued from Page 1)

This location is gearing up to significantly increase the supply of ENBREL, an important innovative therapy for rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis. At the job fair, AMGEN's corporate culture was quite evident when company officials spoke to potential job seekers. They stressed the deep respect for individual talent and a keen regard for the limitless potential of a highly motivated team. From this starting point, they appear to have developed a work environment that is goal-focused, team-oriented and self-managed. The turnout seemed to suggest that their message is being heard!

Overall, the recruitment effort was a smashing success! An AMGEN human resources official, when asked how the Employer Service Unit fit into their plans, said in no uncertain terms, "Quite frankly, we NEVER could have done it without them!"

If your company or organization has hiring needs for 1 or 1,000, call the Employer Service Unit today and let them help organize and implement a strategy that has a proven track record of success!

EMPLOYER SERVICE UNIT
(888) 616-JOBS (5627)
(401) 462-8724

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers

| | Jun 03 | May 03 | Jun 02 | % Change Prev. Year |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|------------------------|
| All Items | 183.7 | 183.5 | 179.9 | 2.1% |

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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The more detailed unadjusted estimates increased by 400 over the month due to increases in several industries, the largest attributed to seasonal gains in Accommodation & Food Services (+1,900), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+1,000), and Construction (+900). Additional increases were noted in Retail Trade (+800), Other Services (+700), Financial Activities (+600), and Administrative & Waste Services (+600). Seasonal decreases were reported in Private Colleges and Universities (-4,500) as well as in Public Education (-1,400).

The \$12.86 average hourly wage earned by the Manufacturing sector's production workers in June 2003 represents an over-the-month loss of one cent per hour and a yearly gain of twelve cents per hour. In June 2003, Manufacturing employees worked an average of 39.6 weekly hours, unchanged over the month and up three-tenths of an hour over the year.

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Manufacturing Employment in Rhode Island, Not Seasonally Adjusted June 2003

| | Employment | | | | | Production Worker Averages | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (in thousands) | | | Net Change From: | | Weekly Hours | | | Hourly Earnings | | |
| | Jun 03 | May 03 | Jun 02 | May 03 | Jun 02 | Jun 03 | May 03 | Jun 02 | Jun 03 | May 03 | Jun 02 |
| Manufacturing | 60.4 | 60.7 | 63.1 | -300 | -2700 | 39.6 | 39.6 | 39.3 | 12.86 | 12.87 | 12.74 |
| Durable Goods | 38.9 | 39.2 | 41.4 | -300 | -2500 | 38.2 | 38.7 | 38.9 | 12.85 | 12.86 | 12.70 |
| Fabricated Metal Product Mfg. | 8.4 | 8.6 | 9.0 | -200 | -600 | 38.8 | 38.3 | 39.2 | 11.47 | 11.48 | 11.46 |
| Computer & Electronic Product Mfg. | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 100 | -200 | 40.7 | 39.7 | 41.6 | 13.64 | 13.61 | 13.75 |
| Electrical Equipment & Appliance Mfg. | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0 | 0 | 37.2 | 37.7 | 39.0 | 9.49 | 9.47 | 9.56 |
| Transportation Equipment Mfg. | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 100 | 100 | 41.2 | 41.3 | 42.8 | 15.46 | 15.43 | 15.49 |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing | 11.6 | 11.5 | 12.3 | 100 | -700 | 36.1 | 36.9 | 38.4 | 10.44 | 10.47 | 10.38 |
| Jewelry and Silverware | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 100 | -200 | 35.3 | 36.6 | 38.7 | 9.86 | 9.89 | 9.86 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 21.5 | 21.5 | 21.7 | 0 | -200 | 42.0 | 41.2 | 40.0 | 12.88 | 12.88 | 12.82 |
| Chemical Manufacturing | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 0 | 300 | 41.9 | 40.5 | 40.8 | 15.59 | 15.56 | 15.56 |
| Plastics & Rubber Products Mfg. | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 0 | 0 | 40.1 | 38.6 | 40.8 | 14.62 | 14.60 | 14.60 |